Years	No. of families
2003-04 (open for all)	4,16,668
Out of which BPL families	9,252
2004-05 (Scheme for BPL families only)	65,718
2005-06 (Scheme for BPL families only) (upto 31.10.2005)	50,872

(b) and (c) Universal Health Insurance Scheme (UHIS) was launched in July, 2003. For families below poverty line (BPL), a subsidy of Rs. 100 per family was provided. The scheme was redesigned and launched in September, 2004, restricting the coverage to BPL families only with a subsidy of Rs. 200, Rs. 300 and Rs. 400 for an individual, for a family of 5 and for a family of 7 members respectively. It was felt that the original UHIS was skewed in favour of the non-poor. As a result, only a very small number of BPL families (9252) were covered. Keeping this in view, it was decided to make the scheme exclusively for people below poverty line and also to enhance the subsidy. This resulted in substantial increase in the coverage of BPL families from 9252 in 2003-04 to 65,718 in 2004-05 and 50,872 in 2005-06 (upto October, 2005).

Tax assessment of private schools and colleges

2197. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether tax assessment of private schools .and colleges is completed in a summary manner;

(b) if so, the details of private schools and colleges taken up for scrutiny assessments during the current year and the previous year and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the provisions of tax exemption are applied only to genuine and eligible institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Not all cases, Sir. Cases or private schools and colleges selected as per the scrutiny guidelines are completed under scrutiny assessment.

(b) The details are being collected and after compilation will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) There are prescribed conditions with regard to the objectives, activities, submission of return of income and accounts, application of income, mode of investments etc., which need to be fulfilled for grant of tax exemption in the case of educational institutions as per the provisions of sub-clause (vi) of Clause (23C) of Section 10 of the Income-tax Act, 1961. Satisfaction of the prescribed conditions are checked up before granting exemption.

Grants-in-aid to Maharashtra

2198. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount of the share as tax devolution and grants-in-aid to Maharashtra as recommended by the Tenth and Eleventh Finance Commission and what was the actual disbursement made for the period 1995-2000 and 2000-05;

(b) whether it is a fact that the actual amount so disbursed is less than the recommendations of the respective Finance Commission; and

(c) if so, the details of proposal received from Maharashtra for specific needs for the consideration by Twelfth Finance Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) The share as tax devolution and grants-in-aid, as recommended by Tenth Finance Commission (1995-2000) and Eleventh Finance Commission (2000-2005) and actual disbursements to Maharashtra were as follows: